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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong State University men's and women's basketball teams held a free clinic at Hunter Army Airfield Saturday for children of active duty Servicemembers. In total, nearly 100 military youth from Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart filled the gym to learn the fundamentals of basketball, including dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and teamwork.

"We appreciate our Servicemembers and what they do to protect our country," Armstrong State head women's basketball coach Fala Bullock said. "Providing a free basketball clinic for the military youth is an honor and we look forward to continuing to build a relationship with our local bases."

In addition, the camp also gave her players a chance to grow away from campus and outside of the classroom. While some of the Pirates had never been to a military base before, they felt at home inside the installation's gym as they were welcomed by eager children wanting to absorb as much basketball knowledge as they can. The players from both teams were excited about working with the kids on the base, including junior women's basketball player **Deundria Clark**, who said, "Giving back to the community is the least we can do for the military serving our country."

Afterward, the team handed out player's jerseys that were worn in previous games to some of the clinic's standouts. All the kids then participated in an autograph session and took pictures with the kids and their families. Free tickets to Armstrong's Military Appreciation game scheduled for January 23rd were also handed out to all the military families in attendance.

"Hunter Army Airfield appreciates and thanks Armstrong State University for sharing their time and talents for the recent basketball clinic, on October 3rd," Ernest Tafoya, the Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Garrison at Hunter Army Airfield said. "The young basketball players from Hunter appreciated their time and learning from the outstanding student-athletes of Armstrong State. This was a great partnership venture with the University and looking forward to the next clinic. Go Pirates!"

[View a photo gallery of the Clinic on the Armstrong State University athletics facebook page here.](#)

One of NCAA Division II's leading initiatives for the 2015-16 athletic year is a continuing partnership with the military. The Peach Belt Conference and its member schools have been a leader nationwide in reaching out to current and former servicemen and women in an effort to keep working towards one of DII's core values of community engagement.

For more information about Armstrong State University's men and women's basketball teams, as well as all of the Pirate athletic teams, visit www.armstrongpirates.com.



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